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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE OF NKOMO VISIT

REF: (A) GABORONE 1572 (B) GABORONE 1359 (C) GABORONE 1352

1. VISIT REPORTED REF A HAS BEEN GIVSN SIGNIFICANT COVERAGE IN NOVEMBER 17 ISSUE OF GOVERNMENT-PUBLISHED BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS. UNDER HEADLINE "NKOMO DELEGATION BRIEFS PRESIDENT," THREE-COLUMN ARTICLE BY STAFF REPORTER ERNEST CHILISA GIVES EXTENDED REPORTAGE OF NKOMO STAY. BELOW ARTICLE IS PICTURE OF NKOMO WITH "ZIMBABWE NATIONALS WHO WERE PAYING VISITS TO HIM AT HIS PRESIDENT HOTEL LOUNGE IN GABORONE."

2. STORY QUOTES FOLLOWING OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT STATEMENT ON NKOMO VISIT: "MR. NKOMO BRIEFED THE PRESIDENT ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES INCLUDING THE RECENT MEETING BETWEEN HIM AND THE RHODESIAN LEADER MR. IAN SMITH IN SALISBURY. THE BRIEFING LASTED ABOUT THREE HOURS AND THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS WAS CORDIAL AND FRUITFUL." IN A SEPARATE STATEMENT, THE OFFICE OF THE

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PRESIDENT REITERATED BOTSWANA'S POSITION THAT "BOTSWANA REMAINS

NEUTRAL ON THE SPLIT OF THE ANC."

3. STORY THEN DESCRIBES PRESS INTERVIEW  
WITH NKOMO ALONG LINES  
OF PREVIOUS NKOMO STATEMENTS. NKOMO REFUSED TO DISCUSS THE ANC  
SPLIT OR DETAILS OF HIS VARIOUS MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS. ACCOMPANY-  
ING NKOMO, ACCORDING TO THE STORY, ARE HIS TREASURER AMON  
JIRICA AND THE ANC NKOMO FACTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER  
JOHN NKOMO.

4. COMMENT: PRESE COVERAGE OF NKOMO VISIT CONTRASTS INTERESTINGLY  
WITH TOTAL LACK OF COVERAGE ON VISIT OF NKOMO EMMISSARIES  
IN EARLY OCTOBER (REFS B AND C) DURING WHICH BOTH RADIO  
BOTSWANA AND DAILY NEWS WERE PROHIBITED FROM REPORTING ON  
VISIT.  
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